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SUBJECT: GOALS AND TASKS FOR U.S. AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA

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1. THE FOLLOWING ARE OUR PROPOSED GOALS AND TASKS FOR THE  
U.S. AMBASSADOR TO VENEZUELA:

A. STRENGTHEN RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE  
HEMISPHERE.

(1) PRIOR TO IMPORTANT MULTILATERAL MEETINGS LIKE THE OAS  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO CONSULT  
WITH VENEZUELA'S LEADERS ON BEST TACTICS TO FURTHER THESE  
GOALS.

(2) ENCOURAGE VENEZUELAN LEADERSHIP TO PRESS OTHER  
COUNTRIES TO SIGN AND RATIFY THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS AND GIVE SUPPORT AND PERMIT ACCESS TO THE  
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INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

(3) ENCOURAGE VENEZUELAN'S TO ORGANIZE A WESTERN HEMISPHERE  
COALITION TO LOBBY FOR THE IDEA OF A UN HIGH COMMISSIONER

ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY THIS FALL.

B. HELPING IMPROVE THE CLIMATE FOR DEMOCRACY IN LATIN AMERICA.

(1) ENCOURAGE INFORMAL CONTACT AND COMMUNICATION AMONG VENEZUELA, COLOMBIA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO, JAMAICA, COSTA RICA, MEXICO AND OTHER DEMOCRATIC REGIMES TO STRENGTHEN DEMOCRATIC TENDENCIES IN THE HEMISPHERE.

(2) ENCOURAGE MORE EXCHANGES BETWEEN VENEZUELAN AND OTHER LATIN AMERICAN LEADERS AS A WAY OF REINFORCING THE TREND TOWARD EMULATING DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS.

C. INCREASE CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION IN ENERGY-RELATED MATTERS.

(1) FOLLOWING HERNANDEZ-SCHLESINGER MEETING, DISCUSS AND PERHAPS NEGOTIATE LONG-TERM ENERGY AGREEMENT WHICH INCLUDES NEW MODES OF COOPERATING IN RESEARCH; AND DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES, INCLUDING SOLAR ENERGY.

(2) ENCOURAGE VENEZUELAN COOPERATION AND LEADERSHIP TO CURB THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS CAPABILITIES BY ENCOURAGING ADHERENCE OF REMAINING NON-SIGNATORS TO TLAELCO AND NPT AND BY PARTICIPATING ACTIVELY IN THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION PROGRAM.

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(3) REGULARLY CONVEY AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL OUR CONCERN ABOUT PRICE STABILITY OF PETROLEUM.

D. ENCOURAGE VENEZUELA TO PLAY AN ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND IN OTHER INTERNATIONAL ISSUES.

(1) FACILITATE VISITS BY GOVERNMENT AND NONGOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES ACTIVE IN THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE BETWEEN VENEZUELAN AND OTHER THIRD WORLD LEADERS.

(2) KEEP PEREZ INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND ENCOURAGE HIS MEETING WITH FRONT-LINE STATE REPRESENTATIVES.

(3) ENCOURAGE PEREZ TO PLAY A KEY ROLE IN THE STRUCTURING OF A FRAMEWORK FOR DEVELOPMENT AID TO THE CARIBBEAN.

(4) ENCOURAGE VENEZUELA TO PERSUADE OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES OF THE NEED TO NEGOTIATE RAPIDLY AN ILLICIT PAYMENTS TREATY.

(5) ENCOURAGE PEREZ TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT MEDIATING ROLE IN THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE ANDES BY ENCOURAGING RECOGNITION OF BOLIVIA'S NEED TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE SEA AND DISCUSSING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE BORDER REGION.

(6) CONSULT WITH PEREZ ON THE GUATEMALA/BELIZE SITUATION AND ENCOURAGE HIM TO UTILIZE HIS GOOD OFFICES TO HELP RESOLVE THE CONFRONTATION.

E. FOSTER CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL LINKAGES WITH THE UNITED STATES.

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(1) EXPEDITE AND PROMOTE A WIDE RANGE OF EXCHANGES IN THE EDUCATIONAL FIELD IN ORDER TO UNDERSCORE THE WIDE RANGE OF COMMON INTERESTS AND CONCERNS AMONG OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

(2) NEGOTIATE A SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT IN THE NEAR FUTURE.

(3) ENCOURAGE TRAINING AND EDUCATION IN THE U.S. SUCH AS THE AYACUCHO FOUNDATION IS CURRENTLY PROMOTING.

2. PLEASE REVIEW AND SEND ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE BY AUGUST 29. VANCE

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